NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) While 'old grant' sites in Cantonments are held on desumable tdnures for indefinite periods rent free or on payment of a nominal rent, lease hold land are held for a specific period or in perpetuity on payment of rent and/or premium. Lease hold lands are not resum-able by the Government unless specifically provided for in the Terms of the Lease.

(b) A copy as Annexure of the Canton ment Land Administration Rules, 1937 is attached. *[See* Appendix CLXI1I, Annexure No. 22]

(c) There are no old grant sites in Delhi Cantonment. The power to grant conversion of land from old grant/lease hold sites into free hold in civil areas of all Cantonments vests with the Government of India, Minis try of Defence.

Report of the Committee on Defence expenditure

1197. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what action has been"taken on the recom-mendations made by the Committee on Defence Expenditure set up under the chairmanship of Shri Arun Singh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : Government has taken decisions to implement a number of recommendations of the Committee on Defence Expenditure directly relating to economy measures. Action has been initiated to prune expenditure in the areas of manpower, training, transportation etc. Other recommendations, which involve a more detailed examination, are being processed from the angle' of feasibility, cost-effectiveness and other relevant factors.

Joint Indo-U.S. Naval Exercise

1198. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to USA any basic modalities were worked out between the two countries in defence matters particularly the holding of Joint Naval Exercise in September, 1992 in the Indian Ocean ; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the proposal for purchasing of US M109 Self propelled guns artillery radar for India also figured in his recent talks in USA, if so, what is the present stage of the negotiations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

मैसर्स बोफोर्स के साथ अनुबंध

1199. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बोफोर्स के साथ सभी अनुबंध समाप्त हो चुके हैं अथवा क्या यह फर्म भारत को अभी भी शस्त्रों की सप्लाई कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मैसर्स बोफोर्स से कितने मूल्य की सामग्री खरीदी गई ; और

(ग) उसका वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) मैसर्स बोफोर्स के साथ 155 मि०मी० एफ०एच० 77बी फील्ड हाविट्जर प्रणाली की